to protect the penisonary benefits of Central Government employees governed by Central Civil Service (Pension) Rules, 1972 and who had retired during the period from 1st January to 30th September, 1996.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Clearance of wages of PSU workers

2188. SHRIN.R. DASARI:
SHRIVV. RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have allotted some funds to clear the outstanding salaries and wages of the workers in Central Public Sector Undertakings; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the outstanding dues of the workers, PSU-wise according to the latest available data and how much is expected to be cleared by the allotted funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRIANANDRAO VITHOBAADSUL): (a) and (b) Government has been providing budgetary support to sick and loss making Central Public Sector Undertakings to meet expenditure on salaries and wages, etc. The total outstanding dues, including salaries and wages of Central Public Sector Undertakings, were about Rs. 1905 crore as on December 31, 2002. Government is taking appropriate decisions to clear these liabilities keeping in view the recommendations of the Group of Ministers.

FDI in R and D

2189. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
DR. T SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has directed the department of industrial policy and promotion and the Ministry of Finance to introduce policy measures to attract foreign direct investment in research and development;

(b) if so, whether he has asked the department and the Ministry to evolve policy measures so that FDI in R and D could be incentivised;

(c) if so, to what extent the Prime Minister's directive has been considered by both the department and the Ministry; and

(d) what steps are being taken to implement this directive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) to (d) Government reviews Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Policy from time to time R and D Investment is one of the potential thrust areas identified. Promoting FDI in specific thrust areas would also need to be in consonance with Government's overall policies including that relating to taxation, and overall economic development.

Contravention of Officials Language Act

†2190. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for contravention of the Official Language Act by the Unit Trust of India whereas as per the Official Language Act there is a provision to bring out all the formats bilingually by all the offices;

(b) whether the Delhi based chief of the Trust has compelled a senior citizen to make corespondence in English alone regarding which the Ministry has been informed and what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the steps likely to be taken to do away with the contravention of rules and ignoration of official duties by the Unit Office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) Specified Undertaking of the Unit Trust of India (SUUTI) which manages the assured return schemes directly handles only its fund management function. Hence very few circulars are issued by SUUTI. Instructions have been reiterated to all concerned to ensure strict compliance and a senior official has been entrusted with the tast of monitoring total compliance.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.